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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Harris et al.  
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GELS AND CONJUGATES DERIVED THEREFROM

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September 12, 2002

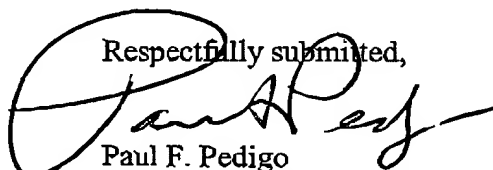
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that as of July 2, 2001, it is no longer entitled to status as a small entity and that the claim for small entity status previously set forth in the above-referenced application is hereby withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



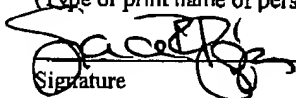
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